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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

XUE ET AL.

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VAN H. NGUYEN

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-20, 23-34, 37-51, 54-66 and 69-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-20, 23-34, 37-51, 54-66, and 69-85 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/15/2010
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 01/15/2010, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

- (1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,
- (2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

/Hyung S. Sough/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2194

Claims 1, 4-20, 23-34, 37-51, 54-66, and 69-85 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed 02/15/2010, has been received, entered into the record, and considered. A copy of PTO 1449 form is attached.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 46 is objected to because of the following informalities: "*The method of claim 47*" should read "*The method of claim 34*". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 4-20, 23-34, 37-51, 54-66, and 69-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kloba** (US 6,341,316 B1) in view of **Kiiskinen et al.** (US 20030217181 A1).

As to claim 1, Kloba teaches a network of devices to filter synchronized data, the network of devices comprising:

a content server to store content [col. 8 lines 15 – 28; col. 12 lines 35 – 45];

a first network device [col. 8 lines 15 – 28; col. 12 lines 35 – 45]; and

a middleware filter coupled to the first network device and to the content server

such that during a data synchronization, content is received by the middleware

filter from the content server according to the data synchronization and the

middleware filter is programmed to selectively filter the content resulting in

filtered content and send only the filtered content to the first network device [col.

5 lines 41 – 52; col. 14 lines 29 – 53; col. 20 lines 15 – 34].

However, Kloba does not explicitly teach the following additional limitations:

But Kiiskinen discloses the middleware filter selectively filters in response meta data within the content, wherein the meta data comprises a data type of the content [see paragraphs [0034], [0039], and [0057]].

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kloba with Kiiskinen because it would have facilitated synchronizing data stores on different devices, including telecommunications and computing devices.

As to claim 4, Kloba teaches the middleware filter reads the metadata of the content received from the content server and sends the content to the first network device if the data type of the read metadata matches an authorized data type associated with the first network device [Table 3; col. 6 lines 1 – 38; col. 15 lines 15 – 34].

As to claim 5, Kloba teaches the middleware filter stores the authorized data type of the first network device [col. 4 line 66 – col. 5 line 6; col. 8 lines 31 – 37].

As to claim 6, Kloba teaches the metadata includes an authorized network device type [Table 3; col. 5 line 64 – col. 6 line 38].

As to claim 7, Kloba teaches the middleware filter reads the metadata of the content received from the content server and sends the content to the first network device if the authorized network device type of the read metadata matches a network device type associated with the first network device [Table 3; col. 5 line 64 – col. 6 line 38].

As to claim 8, Kloba teaches the middleware filter stores the network device type of the first network device [col. 4 line 66 – col. 5 line 6; col. 8 lines 31 – 37].

As to claim 9, Kloba teaches the metadata is added to the content by the content server [Fig. 1; col. 28 lines 20 – 22].

As to claim 10, Kloba teaches the metadata includes data synchronization information corresponding to the data synchronization [col. 22 lines 12 – 37].

As to claim 11, Kloba teaches a display coupled to the middleware filter to display the data synchronization information [col. 8 lines 55 – 60; col. 12 lines 59 – 60].

As to claim 12, Kloba teaches the data synchronization is a one-way data synchronization [col. 14 lines 46 – 53].

As to claim 13, Kloba teaches the data synchronization is a bi-directional data synchronization [col. 5 lines 35 – 40].

As to claim 14, Kloba teaches the middleware filter is within a second network device and the second network device comprises a personal computer [col. 8 lines 15 – 28].

As to claim 15, Kloba teaches the first network device comprises a PDA [col. 10 lines 32 – 42].

As to claim 16, Kloba teaches the content server comprises a web server [col. 4 lines 54 – 58; col. 27 lines 12 – 24].

As to claim 17, Kloba teaches the middleware filter is within a second network device and the second network device comprises a server [col. 5 lines 41 – 67; col. 6 lines 25 – 38; col. 14 lines 29 – 53].

As to claim 18, Kloba teaches a second network device coupled in between the content server and the first network device, wherein the second network device includes the middleware filter [col. 5 lines 41 – 52; col. 7 line 66 – col. 8 line 7].

As to claim 19, Kloba at least implies the content server can include the middleware filter because Figure 36 shows the clients connected to the server without showing an external content provider. Furthermore, Kloba teaches the providers can include a server that provides content and is similar to the server 104 shown in Figure 1 [col. 12 lines 35 – 44]. Therefore, it is at least implied that the server in Figure 36 can also provide the content, making it obvious to have the content server include the middleware filter.

As to claim 20, see the rejections of claims 1, 14, 15 and 18.

As to claims 23 – 33, see the rejections of claims 4 – 13 and 16.

As to claim 34, see the rejections of claims 1 and 18.

As to claims 37 – 50, see the rejections of claims 4 – 17.

As to claim 51, see the rejection of claim 1. Also, see Kloba column 5 lines 41 – 67 and column 20 lines 15 – 18.

As to claims 54 – 65, see the rejections of claims 4 – 13, 15 and 16.

As to claims 66 , 69– 78, 80 and 81, see the rejections of claims 1, 4 – 13, 15 and 16.

As to claim 79, see the rejections of claims 14 and 18.

As to claim 82, see the rejections of claims 17 and 18.

As to claims 83 – 85, see the rejection of claim 1.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 01/15/2010 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record, listed on PTO 892 provided to Applicant is considered to have relevancy to the claimed invention. Applicant should review each identified reference carefully before responding to this office action to properly advance the case in light of the prior art.

Contact Information

7. Any inquiry or a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: (571) 272-2100.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VAN H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM- 6:00PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternative Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HYUNG S. SOUGH can be reached at (571) 272-6799.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2194